

# TO THE HAGUE COURT

Allies Will Arbitrate if Venezuela Apologizes

FOR ATTACK ON THE LEGATIONS.

That Is One Condition Made by England and Germany.

President Roosevelt's Arguments for Recognition of the International Court Accepted—Castro Not Expected to Make Any Serious Objection—Secretary Hay Suggests to the Powers That the Preliminary Protocol Be Signed in Washington—London Comment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Barring unforeseen obstacles and the display of an uncompromising spirit by President Castro, the questions at issue between Venezuela and the three allied European Powers will be referred for adjudication to the permanent tribunal at The Hague, The Hague, Germany, England and Italy have promised informally to accept this mode of settlement, provided certain conditions are complied with by Venezuela, while that South American Government has expressed its willingness to have The Hague court try the case.

This satisfactory statement of affairs was brought about through the efforts of President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay, who, despite the discouraging reception at first given by the allies to their suggestion that The Hague tribunal undertake the settlement, persisted in their endeavor.

Up to Christmas eve was all that was certain that President Roosevelt would be obliged to assume the role of arbitrator. The allies had not his suggestion as to The Hague, with a request that he act as the sole judge of the controversy, and every indication pointed to the necessity of his assuming the role of arbitrator.

As has been told in THE SUN, the President and Secretary Hay took advantage of the opening thus afforded to reiterate their reasons why The Hague court was the proper body to adjust the pending dispute. The reason was stated in the Secretary Hay's desk this morning.

It was agreed in substance by all three that The Hague court should act if Castro would comply with conditions which the allies regarded as outside the sphere of arbitration.

While the State Department takes the ground that it would be discourteous to the allies to furnish for publication any details of their notes of acceptance, it is possible to say that the present disposition of the European Powers contemplates as the initial step toward arbitration the arrangement of a preliminary protocol in which Venezuela will agree to accept the conditions upon which the Powers are inclined to insist.

It is believed that one of these is an apology to Germany and England for the attacks on the German and British legations in Caracas. When Venezuela complied with these conditions the blockade will be lifted and the second protocol, in which all the parties in interest will agree to submit their differences to The Hague court, and defining the scope of the court's jurisdiction, will be signed.

The Times recognizes the facts of the situation, and declares a complete willingness to abide by the decision of The Hague tribunal. It hopes that the Powers will raise the blockade until they have satisfied themselves that Venezuela is prepared to act with the same fairness that they have resolved to show themselves.

ITALY'S ACCEPTANCE

Conditional on Her Claims Being Settled with Those of England and Germany.

Rome, Dec. 26.—The Italian note in reply to the suggestion of arbitration of the Venezuelan troubles accepts the proposition to submit the matters in dispute to the permanent tribunal at The Hague, but it will settle all disputed questions and that the claims of Italy shall rank with those of Great Britain and Germany.

The Caracas Coming Back.

Boulton, Bliss & Dallet received a cable message yesterday announcing the return of the steamer Caracas to Curaçoa and her intention of proceeding to this port by way of San Juan instead of going back to other Venezuelan ports, as her schedule called for. This was on account of her experience at La Guayra.

JOHN WEAVER FOR MAYOR.

Philadelphia Republican Leaders Select the District Attorney for Promotion.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—The Republican leaders at a conference today decided to support District Attorney John Weaver as the party's candidate for Mayor. His selection was a surprise to the Republican workers, as no one thought he was an aspirant for the office.

It is understood that Mr. Weaver will accept the nomination. His election is practically assured. Since he became District Attorney he has proved himself an able officer. He was elected District Attorney in 1900, and since that time he has been successful in many of his cases.

Mr. Weaver's selection was announced this afternoon after a secret meeting between the party leaders and Mr. Weaver. Mr. Weaver will have the full support of the organization and will be successful in his election as District Attorney.

# CHIEF OF FAIR SCULPTURE OUT

F. W. RUCKELSHAU SAYS HE WAS INTERFERED WITH.

Accuses the Director of Works of Trying to Make Him a Mere Clerk—Fears a Fiasco for the St. Louis Show and Talks of a "Corner Grocery" Spirit There—Karl Bitter in His Place.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 26.—Frederick W. Ruckelshau of New York, chief of sculpture for the World's Fair, resigned on account of a disagreement with the Exposition directors.

Karl Bitter has been appointed chief of sculpture. Mr. Bitter made the sculptural decoration for the Administration Building of the Columbian Exposition and was director of sculpture for the Pan-American Exposition.

Dissatisfaction with the treatment accorded to him by the exposition officials is given as Mr. Ruckelshau's reason for resigning. His resignation was tendered on Dec. 17 and was accepted a few days later, but it was not officially announced until today.

For some time past there had been apparent friction between the chief of sculpture and the fair officials. The reason therefor is currently reported to be that sufficient funds were not allotted to Mr. Ruckelshau to carry out the work of his department in the manner in which he believed it should be conducted.

President Francis refused this evening to discuss the resignation. Secretary Stevens said that Mr. Ruckelshau could give out the grounds of his dissatisfaction if he so desired. He added that the resignation of Mr. Ruckelshau was a complete surprise to all the exposition officials.

Director of Works Isaac Taylor wanted to give out the letter of resignation, but he was overruled by the other directors. Mr. Ruckelshau has gone back to New York.

In answer to questions about his resignation Mr. Ruckelshau dictated this statement to a stenographer last night:

"I went out to St. Louis with the intention of handling the largest sculpture problem that has been handled in the last one hundred years. I intended to do this in a way that would be satisfactory to the Exposition, to the profession of sculpture and to the country at large.

"Everything went well between myself and the management with the exception of Isaac S. Taylor, the Director of Works. Even with him I had no serious differences and was firm in my faith that I would be allowed to be the real director of sculpture until two days after the Advisory Committee, composed of J. Q. A. Ward, Augustus St. Gaudens and Daniel C. French, had examined my scheme for the decoration of the exposition and made a most flattering report on it.

"Then began on the part of Mr. Taylor a series of humiliations and an attempt to deny me certain privileges agreed upon beforehand and to demand certain things that had previously refused to me.

"All of this was utterly inexplicable to me except as an evidence of a fixed intention, apparently suddenly arrived at, to degrade me from the position of the director of sculpture to that of a mere clerk of Mr. Taylor's. I refused to submit to this and demanded that I should be in a measure freed from the direct control of Mr. Taylor, to the extent of having the right to appeal to the Executive Committee should any serious difference of opinion between Mr. Taylor and myself arise.

"As far as I am able to judge, Mr. Taylor is trying to be the whole thing in the building of the exposition, but the result only of jealousy. He no doubt believes that by the mere force of circumstances the director of sculpture, even though his official title is merely that of chief of sculpture, would become increasingly prominent as the months rolled on.

"Mr. Taylor's influence, I felt, was sufficiently strong to prevent the executive committee from granting my final demand, but I made them, nevertheless, knowing that I would have either complete liberty and cease my connection with the Exposition committee, or I would be sufficiently free as an agent of the company to save my department from making the exhibition a failure, as worked out between the architects and myself.

"This scheme is the one that received the strong approval of the committee of eminent sculptors appointed to pass upon it.

"I have no quarrel with the Exposition company as some of my very best friends are members of it, but I have a quarrel with Mr. Taylor. I believe that if the plans as prepared by the architects and myself could be carried out the St. Louis Exposition would be a magnificent success.

"I very much fear that a partial failure of the exposition for St. Louis unless the Director of Works is managed on a broader basis and with a more national purpose than can ever obtain in a corner grocery."

CHASED HIS WOMEN FARES.

Members of Mrs. Fiske's Company Frightened by a Cabman.

John McCafferty, a cabman whose stand is in front of the Manhattan Hotel, was locked up at the Tenderloin station last night on complaint of Harry Haskins, who is connected with the Manhattan Theatre.

Members of Mrs. Fiske's company are pronouncing "Mary of Magdala."

The prisoner had been engaged by two members of the company to "drive them from the theatre stage door" for the theatre. The outfit got as far as the east curb of Thirty-third street and Broadway when McCafferty stopped and demanded his fare so thickly and so vigorously that his two passengers, both women, jumped out and ran to the door without paying him.

McCafferty followed and caught them just as they were entering. He pushed one and struck the other, when Messrs. Haskins and Fiskins seized him and turned him over to a policeman.

SUICIDE IN STATION CELL.

Second Woman Prisoner This Week to Hang Herself in Mercer Street.

A woman who said she was Nellie Patton of 10 Varick place, committed suicide by hanging herself in a cell at the Mercer street police station last night. She was arrested at Sullivan and Beeder streets for intoxication at 9 P. M. and at 10 P. M. Green found her hanging by a ribbon which she had attached to the cell door.

Dr. Connors of St. Vincent's Hospital worked over her for fifteen minutes, at the end of which time she died.

She is the second suicide at that station this week. A woman who said she was Katie Clare hanged herself there on Tuesday night.

Deerfoot Farm Managers.

# 30 KILLED IN FREIGHT WRECK.

Miners Stealing a Ride Christmas Night Crushed to Death.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 26.—By the collision of two heavy freight trains on the Colorado and Southern road near Trinidad, Col., Christmas evening, thirty lives were lost. The first reports gave six fatalities, but it is now known that a large number of coal miners were heading that way to Trinidad, and were crushed and buried in the debris.

Workers have dug out fifteen bodies and today they uncovered a miner who was alive, but died later from his injuries. He says there were fourteen men in the car with him and all were killed.

GAMBLING AT HOT SPRINGS.

D. J. Fairchild of California Loses \$20,000 at a Game of Faro.

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# EBSTEIN AND PIPER TO STAY

GEN. GREENE SAYS HE'LL KEEP PARTRIDGE'S DEPUTIES.

Mr. Devery Finds the New Police Regime So Military That the Coppers Will Always Have Their Hands at Salute—Then the Crooks'll Get the Drop on 'Em.

Gen. Francis V. Greene, the new Police Commissioner, announced last yesterday afternoon that he will retain the present Deputy Commissioners, Major Frederick H. E. Elstein and Capt. Alexander Ross Piper.

This announcement followed a long conference at the office of Gen. Greene at 115 Broadway, where the Eastern Trust Company has commodious offices. Major Elstein and Capt. Piper called on Gen. Greene and he said that he was very pleased to see them.

Gen. Greene conducted a military office wherever he may be. The real office of the suite is big enough for a town hall, and Gen. Greene and the Major and the Captain, had their talk in a distant corner. When at 5:30 o'clock the General signified that it was an end of the conference and the deputies withdrew.

"What's happened?" someone asked Capt. Piper.

The Captain saluted and replied: "I put it up to the Major."

Then Major Elstein said: "Well, the General has told us we can stay. For further particulars we refer you to him."

Gen. Greene reported that he had just had a very long talk with the deputies and had concluded that they were the best men available for the job. He was satisfied that they were competent, he said, and had asked both of them to remain.

"Probably they would have resigned, but I asked them to stay," said Gen. Greene. "It will not be necessary for me to resign. They will simply be continued in office."

Major Elstein, it is understood, had to put under pressure to induce him to remain. He was an active candidate for the office of Commissioner and his friends were the front for him in large numbers. But Mayor Low could not be made to see that the Major was the proper man.

Before the appointment was announced Major Elstein had been in the place of his friends that if he was not the Mayor's choice he would leave the Police Department. But Gen. Greene persuaded him to stay, for a while at least.

Gen. Greene said that he and his deputies had spent a long time discussing the police system, and he was not prepared to say that he was in favor of restoring that system. But he indicated that he thought it was an improvement on the present system.

As to his policy in the administration of the department, Gen. Greene said he could not undertake to speak before Jan. 1, when he will actually become Commissioner. He believed and hoped that he and District Attorney Jerome would work together harmoniously.

Gen. Greene chewed his cigar. Capt. Piper saluted once more, darkness fell and William S. Devery remarked:

"This new military police force makes me drawl. Say, the crooks will have both hands in the air saluting and the crooks'll get the drop on 'em."

Gen. Greene went to the theatre again last night and forgot Mulberry street in a melodrama.

THEY LIKE PARTRIDGE.

Parting Commendation from the Law Enforcement Society of Brooklyn.

Commissioner Partridge made public yesterday a letter to himself from the Law Enforcement Society of Brooklyn, in which the society, through its secretary, expressed its approval of the Commissioner's work as head of the police force.

Major Elstein was praised with some qualification. "While his police end did not pan out very well, all his criminal case cases being dismissed," the letter said, "still we owe much to the faithful cooperation of the department."

The Law Enforcement Society of Brooklyn has been notable for its periodical assertions that it would "clean up" (Coney Island or some other place) Brooklyn. Several times it has had the cooperation of the New York State Law and Order League, who was indicted last year for accepting bribes from East Side saloons.

In conclusion the letters said: "I hope you will not confound us in your thoughts with the 'B' (Bureau) of the 'B' (Bureau). You will acknowledge that we have not attempted to run your department for you or to have you run your department for us. But we have cooperated with you in enforcing the law in such a way as to bring lasting good to our people."

WILL KEEP FRANKLIN PORTRAIT.

Even if It Isn't a Gainsborough the U. of P. Will Hold It.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Despite the assertion that the portrait of Benjamin Franklin, which was presented to the University of Pennsylvania by the University of Gainsborough, it is doubtful whether the picture will be removed from the institution.

Charles Henry Hart, the well-known art critic, has pointed out good reasons for doubting that Gainsborough ever painted a portrait of Benjamin Franklin, showing by letters from the Marquis of Lansdowne that such a portrait never existed. Mr. Hart's object is to protect the university from future criticism.

Major Rosenbarger, who presented the portrait to the university, is not satisfied that the portrait is not a genuine Gainsborough, but says that as soon as he is so satisfied he will request the university authorities to erase that part of the inscription which says it is a Gainsborough, but otherwise nothing will be done, as the university authorities are more interested in having a portrait of Franklin than they are in having a work by Gainsborough.

"Of course, the portrait is not signed by Gainsborough," said Major Rosenbarger, "but you must remember that it was not this artist's custom to sign his portraits. I bought it in London for 60 guineas. I saw it at Christy's. It was purchased for a Gainsborough and was desirous of presenting the university with a portrait of Franklin. I commissioned a broker to buy it for me."

BRYAN IN MEXICO

To Discuss the Money Situation With President Diaz.

# RUSSIA NOW LETS HIM WED.

SECRETARY OF THE CZAR'S EMBASSY ENGAGED AGAIN.

Government at First Objected to His Marrying Paymaster Hoy's Daughter Because Neither He Nor She Had Much Money—But It's All Right Now.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Pierre Rogovsky, secretary of the Russian Embassy, and Miss Mary Hoy, daughter of Paymaster of the Navy and Mrs. Hoy, will be married at the home of the bride in this city on Jan. 20 or 21, the date depending on the arrival in Washington of the priest of the Russian Greek Church, who is to perform the ceremony.

The engagement of Miss Hoy and Mr. Rogovsky was announced from this city by the parents of Miss Hoy in the fall just before the return to this country of Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador.

Congratulations were pouring in upon the couple from their American friends in the usual way when the Ambassador arrived, and almost before he was settled in the embassy the engagement was announced broken by Miss Hoy's family.

No reason was given at the time, but later it was learned that Mr. Rogovsky had been informed by his Government that on account of the lack of a fortune on the part of the young people their engagement must be broken.

Later, when he informed his Government that his honor rested upon the matter as well as his happiness, consent was given but also advice to the effect that marriages and dowries of foreign offices and dowries of foreign offices and dowries of foreign offices were not sanctioned by the home office.

CAUGHT A TURTLE ON BROADWAY.

Crawling Up the Trolley Slot When a Cop Nabbed It.

A puzzled-looking man went up to Police Officer Ritchie at Broadway and Thirty-fourth street last night. One hand was on his forehead and the other pointed in the direction of the trolley slot.

"Say officer," he stammered, "have I got 'em or have you?"

Following the direction of the arm Ritchie was crawling along the slot a turtle something like a tortoise, a foot long, told him.

Ritchie went cautiously forward. First he prodded it with his night stick. Then he tried to grasp it. The animal only moved a little faster and squirmed away. It took the policeman a quarter of an hour to get up his courage sufficiently to take a firm hold on its tail. Then he deposited it in the transfer agent's box.

It was claimed an hour later by a nervous old gentleman.

"It's a pet," he explained, "an' pretty near as old as I am."

Whereupon he slipped the turtle into his overcoat pocket and boarded an uptown Broadway car.

SUDDEN RICHES THEIR RUIN.

Wife of an Inventor Dies From Drink When He Is Suddenly Rich.

Mrs. Catherine O. Johnson, of Thirty-eighth street and Benson avenue, Bensonhurst, was found dead in a room in the Capital Hotel, Twenty-fifth and Coney avenues, Umer Park, yesterday.

Mrs. Johnson and her husband, Walter R. Johnson, had been at the hotel several days. Both drank heavily. An ambulance surgeon from the Morgue Hospital, said that death resulted from alcoholism. Johnson was in a drunken stupor in an adjoining room and was removed to the hospital.

They had just received a remittance from Scotland of \$1,000. Johnson is an inventor and recently received \$20,000 for a fire extinguisher from the New York Fire Department. An attachment to an electric lamp also brought in \$15,000.

Johnson was for years a well-known yachtsman and a member of the Gravesend Bay Yacht Club.

BURGLARS AT A BROKER'S.

Got In Through Carl Schurz's Vacant House Next Door—Got \$25,000 Worth.

The house of Charles Minzeshelmer of 18 East Sixty-fourth street, the head of the brokerage firm of Charles Minzeshelmer & Co., at 15 Broad street, was robbed on Tuesday night of jewelry and clothing valued at more than \$2,000.

The robbery was committed while the family was entertaining several guests at dinner. The robbers saved off two bars at the basement door of the vacant house at 16 East Sixty-fourth street, formerly occupied by Carl Schurz, got in there, went up to the second floor and then crept over to the Minzeshelmer house on an extension.

The fact that thieves had got in was discovered only when one of the guests learned that her sashkin sack, valued at \$500, had been taken from an upstairs room.

The police and the United States Guarantee & Trust Company with which the house was insured against burglary, were notified. The police sent a man from the precinct, who sniffed around awhile, looked wise and went away, saying he would be back right away. He has not come back yet. The insurance company hasn't a word to say.

This robbery, following closely that of Mr. Morgenthau's home in the same neighborhood within a day or two and the robbery of the home of Emil Calman, the president of the Harmonie Club, have made the householders of the upper West Side very uneasy. They want to know what the police are doing. The police say mysteriously that "that's police business."

BELLEVUE FULL OF XMAS JAGS.

So Many Patients That They're Laying Mattresses on the Floor.

# CROWN PRINCESS COMING HERE?

Report That She and Prof. Giron, With Whom She Stopped, Will Leave Europe.

Report That She and Prof. Giron, With Whom She Stopped, Will Leave Europe. special cable dispatch to THE SUN.

GENEVA, Dec. 26.—The Crown Princess of Saxony, who fled from her husband a few days ago, her companion, M. Giron, Archduke Leopold and his companion, Mlle. Adamovich, have now apparently decided to quit Europe.

It is stated that they are going to the United States or South Africa.

WIRELESS "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

Woman in Sydney Gets Message From a Warship 1,000 Miles at Sea.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 26.—The following message was received by a Eryne woman from the cruiser Carlo Alberto, which is 1,000 miles south on her way to Venezuela:

"Best wishes for a merry Christmas. Four friends join in this greeting."

"BUCCHERI."

The Italian cruiser has been in constant communication with the Marconi station at Table Head since leaving there last Sunday.

CUT WOOD FOR THE RECTOR.

Men of the Congregation Get Fuel for Him Instead of Going to Church.

HUNTINGTON CENTRE, Conn., Dec. 26.—The Rev. H. L. Everett, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, after a Christmas entertainment in his church on Wednesday evening, made a personal request of the men in his parish to attend the service on Christmas.

He was chagrined when he entered the church the next morning to find that there was hardly a man in the congregation. He took to heart the seeming affront and went to his home feeling sad.

Upon going to the barn to feed his horse he was astonished to find twelve or fifteen of the men of his parish sitting around a big pile of wood. These men, instead of going to church on Christmas morning, went to the woods, where they cut and hauled to the